

# LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLR-2023-0316-07

DATE: MARCH 16, 2023

## “RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL IDENTITY AFFIRMATION”

**WHEREAS**, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Lumbee Tribe") is a recognized American Indian Tribe of the State of North Carolina, subject to the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina ("Tribal Constitution") and its inherent powers and self-government; and,

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution delegates all legislative authority of the Tribal Council of the Lumbee of North Carolina ("Tribal Council"); and,

**WHEREAS**, The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has adopted the Constitution for the purposes of preserving for all-time the Lumbee way of life and community, promoting the educational, cultural, social and economic well-being of the Lumbee people, and securing justice and freedom for the Lumbee people; and,

**WHEREAS**, Beginning in the 1870s, federal officials in Canada and the U.S. removed Native children into off-reservation boarding schools, where they were forced to give up their languages, clothing and long hair, and;

**WHEREAS**, Today some public/charter school systems, prisons and some workplaces still require Native Americans to cut their hair in an effort to strip them of their cultural identity while showing dominance over them, and;

**WHEREAS**, Many tribes believe that a person's long hair symbolizes a strong cultural identity that promotes self-esteem, self-respect, a sense of belonging, and a healthy sense of indigenous pride, and;

**THEREFORE**, Be it resolved the Lumbee Tribal Council fully supports the efforts of those indigenous families and communities fighting against the systematic cultural genocide perpetrated by any federal, state, local and/or private entity, institution, or organization, and;

**THEREFORE**, Be it further resolved, the Lumbee Tribal Council acknowledges the inherent right of indigenous families and indigenous communities to retain shared responsibility for the cultural upbringing, education, and well-being of our children.

**CERTIFICATION**

THIS **CLLR-2023-0316-07**, "RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL IDENTITY AFFIRMATION" ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE 19 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, THIS THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2023 BY A VOTE OF 19 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTENTION(S), AND 0 RECUSE(S).

*Sharon Hunt*

3/16/23

ATTEST: SHARON HUNT  
Speaker, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

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*Nanci Locklear*

3-16-23

ATTEST: NANCI LOCKLEAR  
Secretary, Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

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ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTS TO ADPOT

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**19 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTENTION(S) 0 RECUSE(S)**

District 1:	Billy Oxendine	ABSENT
District 2:	Sharon Hunt	YES
	Gerald Goolsby	YES
District 3:	Harold Smith	YES
	Pam Hunt	YES
District 4:	Jody Bullard	YES
District 5:	Wendy Moore	YES
	Carrington Locklear	YES
District 6:	Kristie Hunt	YES
	Richard Jones	YES
District 7:	Nanci Locklear	YES
	Yvonne Dial	YES
	Rudy Locklear	YES
District 8:	Kathy Hunt	YES
District 9:	Dewey J McNeill	YES
District 10:	Bobby Emanuel	ASENT
District 11:	Chocajuana Oxendine	YES
District 12:	Jo Doss	YES
	Annie Taylor	YES
District 13:	Alex Baker	YES
District 14:	Homer Fields	YES